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SUBJECT: ZIMBABWE WILL ADHERE TO DRC DISENGAGEMENT PLANS

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REFS: A) STATE 45916, B) HARARE 1019

CLASSIFIED BY CHARGE D'AFFAIRES EARL M. IRVING FOR  
REASONS: 1.5 (B) AND (D).

1. (C) ON MARCH 15, POST DELIVERED REFTEL DEMARCHE TO BERNARD TAKAVARASHA, THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR AFRICA IN ZIMBABWE'S MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. POLOFF STATED USG CONCERNS THAT IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER FOR THE BELLIGERENTS TO AVOID CONFLICT WHILE THE DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES BEGINS AND TO ADHERE TO THE DISENGAGEMENT SCHEDULE. TAKAVARASHA AGREED, AND STATED THAT ZIMBABWE "WILL DO WHAT IT IS COMMITTED TO DO." HE NOTED THAT IF ANY DELAYS OCCUR IN ZIMBABWE'S WITHDRAWAL, IT WILL BE BECAUSE OF FIGHTING INITIATED BY THE OTHER SIDE. "ZIMBABWE HAS NOT BEEN THE PROBLEM," HE ARGUED; "WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET OUT OF THE DRC FOR A LONG TIME."

2. (C) POLOFF ASKED THE UNDER SECRETARY TO COMMENT ON FOREIGN MINISTER MUDENGE'S STATEMENT, REPORTED IN THE MARCH 15 EDITION OF "THE DAILY NEWS," THAT ZIMBABWE WILL BEGIN PULLING BACK ITS FORCES FROM THE FRONTLINE BY 15 KM. ON MARCH 15. TAKAVARASHA RESPONDED THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND AT THE MOMENT BUT REITERATED THAT THE GOZ WOULD FOLLOW THROUGH ON ITS COMMITMENTS.

3. (C) COMMENT: TAKAVARASHA, RELATIVELY NEW TO HIS POSITION, DOES NOT APPEAR AS WELL-INFORMED ON DRC MATTERS AS SOME OF HIS MORE JUNIOR COLLEAGUES. PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR THE DRC, MAXWELL

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CHIKOROWONDO, WAS UNAVAILABLE ON MARCH 15. END COMMENT.

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